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WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of January 18 requesting adequate representation on the National Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Committee (NTISSC) and its subcommittee to help you fulfill your responsibilities.

In accordance with the NTISSC Governing Procedures, the NTISSC considered your request at its meeting on February 15. Mr. Don Latham, Chairman of the NTISSC, has informed me that the NTISSC is pleased to invite you to provide a representative to the NTISSC from the Intelligence Community staff, participating initially as an observer. I understand both the Defense Intelligence Agency and Central Intelligence Agency members on the NTISSC supported this position. I suggest that you try this arrangement for a time to assess its responsiveness to your needs. Please have your staff designate your NTISSC and subcommittee observers to [redacted] the Executive Secretary for the NTISSC, at 971-2241/2456 (NSA gray phone system) or (301) 688-6811 (commercial).

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I appreciate your interest in broadening the representation of the NTISSC and your support in enhancing the security of our telecommunications and automated information systems under NSDD 145.

Sincerely,